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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

LOHA BEN

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,6,8-17,19-22 and 24-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,7,18,23 and 29-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Loha Ben
Primary Examiner

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner. (Fig. 1)
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0404:0504.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Minor informalities noted

In the Abstract

Line 2 from the bottom, "paths are" should be – path is --.

In the Drawings

In Fig. 1, the "HOST DEVICE" should be represented by numeral – 104 --, not "100". Please note page 3, lines 7-16, and page 4, line 4.

In the Claims

In claim 14: line 5, "one a" should be replaced with – the --.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 18, 23 and 29-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3: line 2 of the claim calling for "**secondary** electrons" is indefinite in that no **primary** electrons are seen recited in either claim 1, or claim 2, or claim 3 itself. As is understood from the disclosure on page 4, lines 4-7, on page 5, lines 19-28, and on page 8, lines 10-13, the existence of secondary electrons depends on the existence of primary electrons. Further, on line 3, "the focused beam" has no antecedent basis, since no focused beam has been previously, positively recited.

In claim 4: lines 2 and 3, "the focused beam" has no antecedent basis.

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In claim 7: line 1, "the focused beam" has no antecedent basis.

In claims 18, 23, 29, 30, 39-41, 45, 46, 51, 55 and 58, where "secondary electrons" is seen recited, a similar situation as in claim 3 above is noted. Therefore, they are indefinite for the same reason.

Specifically, as regards claim 51, line 3 of the claim fails to precisely point out which element is being rotated; and line 4 introduces an indefinite term "therefrom", since the element to be rotated by the means for rotating is not seen.

The remaining claims, depending from rejected base claims above, inherit the indefiniteness thereof.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 29, 39, 41, 51, 55 and 58 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 18, 23, 30-38, 40, 42-50, 52-54, 56, 57 and 59-61 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-17, 19-22 and 24-28 are allowed.

The allowability of all the claims centers on the influence of the charges or the secondary electrons formed on the micro-electromechanical (MEM) devices.

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Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Loha Ben whose telephone number is (571) 272-2323. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Saturday, generally between 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Y. Epps, can be reached on Monday to Friday, at (571) 272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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January 8, 2005



Loha Ben
Primary Examiner